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Abstract

The invention pertains to a transcoder provided with a control unit and intended for decoding encoded TV programs. Said transcoder has an input for entering an encoded TV program, a decoding device for decoding an encoded TV program into a format which can be played on a television set, an output which can be connected to said television set and is designed to enter the encoded TV program into the television set for play, an interface for an identification or key component, to be used for validation of the decoding device, as well as an interface for a control unit in the transcoder. The transcoder according to the invention is characterized in that the interface for the identification or key component is located in said control unit.